

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] Field of the Invention: The present invention relates generally to apparatus for use in noninvasively measuring hematocrit and, more specifically, to apparatus which are configured to effect electrical ~~impedence~~ impedance and pressure plethysmography techniques to noninvasively measure hematocrit. The present invention also relates to methods for manufacturing and using the components of the hematocrit measurement apparatus.

Please amend paragraph [0012] as follows:

[0012] The present invention includes apparatus that may be used in obtaining noninvasive measurements of hematocrit, or the percent, by volume, of red blood cells in the blood of an individual, noninvasively. An apparatus that incorporates teachings of the present invention includes components that are configured to effect, in combination, ~~impedence~~ impedance and plethysmography techniques.